

REMARKS

This Amendment, filed in reply to the Office Action dated January 12, 2007, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of objection and rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

In the present Amendment, Applicant cancels claim 1 and amends 2, 3, 4 and 10 and 11, and adds claims 12-13. Accordingly, claims 2-13 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Formalities

The Examiner has acknowledged Applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 1119(e) and confirmed receipt of the priority document submitted on September 29, 2003. The Examiner has also indicated that the formal drawings have been accepted. In addition, the Examiner has considered the references submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 29, 2003 and October 6, 2004.

II. Objections to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the title of the invention, alleging that it is not descriptive. We propose amending the title, as shown in the attached Appendix.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-7 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cohen *et al.* (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0108118, hereinafter "Cohen").

With respect to claim 1, the claim is cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, the anticipation rejection of claim 1 is moot.

With respect to claim 2, we would submit that Cohen fails to teach or suggest each feature of the claim. For example, Cohen fails to teach or suggest that the photography device

has identification information unique to the photography device and the image information transmission means has a function to transmit the identification information in association with the acquired image information to a plurality of data processing devices, as recited in claim 2.

Cohen relates to a system of using a digital data storage and transmitting (DDST) device with a digital camera, the DDST device being configured to download and store the image data from the digital camera, and to upload the data stored in the DDST device to a remote server.

Abstract. The Cohen system is described below in detail.

Before downloading data from the digital camera, a communications link between the digital camera and the DDST device needs to be established. Paragraph 65. Such establishing of the communications link is dependent upon the intended type of communications protocol. *Id.* For example, for USB, the interconnecting cable is plugged into the USB I/O port of the DDST device operably interconnecting the camera and the DDST device. *Id.* With USB, the communications protocol or manager includes a procedure for identifying newly connected devices. *Id.*

Once the communications link is established, determination is made as to whether a user identification process is to be implemented. Paragraph 67. If it is determined that a user identification process is to be implemented, the DDST device prompts the user for the required information such as username and password. Paragraph 68. The provided information, such as the username and password, is checked against a database to determine if the user is an authorized user. Paragraph 69. If the provided information matches the information in the

database and the user is thus considered an authorized user, the process proceeds with downloading the digitized image data to the DDST device. Paragraph 70.

Following the downloading of digitized image data to the DDST device, the data stored in the DDST device is uploaded to a remote server. Paragraphs 71-76. The remote server stores the data file in an appropriate manner on the server. Paragraph 78. Such storing includes, for example, saving the file to a space designated for the user. *Id.* Further, a folder can be designated as the storage location for all image data files for a given user. *Id.*

For downloading the data from the digital camera to the DDST device, Cohen merely discloses transmitting the data from digital camera to the DDST device. Cohen, however, does not teach or suggest that the DDST device comprises a component that transmits the identification information of the digital camera, in association with the image information acquired by the digital camera. Even though Cohen discloses that with USB, the communications protocol or manager includes a procedure for identifying newly connected digital camera. Such identification, however, is used for establishing a communications link between the DDST device and the digital camera so that the DDST device can recognize a digital camera that is being newly connected. Cohen does not explicitly disclose that the identification of the digital camera is transmitted to the DDST, in association with the image information acquired by the digital camera. Further, because the image data could be transmitted either by itself, or along with user information (username/password) from the digital camera to the DDST device, Cohen does not inherently disclose that the identification of the digital camera is

transmitted to the DDST, in association with the image information acquired by the digital camera.

Therefore, claim 2 should be patentable at least for the above reasons.

Claim 3 should be patentable over Cohen at least for the reasons analogous to those submitted above with respect to claim 2. In particular, claim 3 recites the data processing device receives the image information from a plurality of photography devices and received image selection means selects the image information to be received according to unique identification information allocated to said each photography device, transmitted from the image information transmission means. Since Cohen fails to teach or suggest that the identification of the digital camera is transmitted to the DDST, in association with the image information acquired by the digital camera, Cohen also fails to teach or suggest selecting the image information to be received according to unique identification information allocated to said each photography device, transmitted from the image information transmission means.

Claim 4 should be patentable over Cohen at least for the reasons analogous to those submitted above with respect to claims 2 and 3. In particular, claim 4 recites that the photography device has identification information unique to the photography device and the image information transmission means has a function to transmit the identification information to a plurality of data processing devices, and the data processing device receives the image information from the plurality of photography devices and further comprises received image selection means that selects the image information according to the unique identification

information allocated to said each photography device, transmitted from the image information transmission means.

Claims 5-7 and 9-11 should be patentable at least because of their respective dependencies.

IV. Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohen in view of Dutta (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0076408, hereinafter "Dutta").

Claim 8 should be patentable at least because of its dependency from claim 5, and because Dutta does not cure the noted deficiencies of Cohen with respect to claim 5.

V. New Claims

Claims 12-13 are added to describe the invention more particularly.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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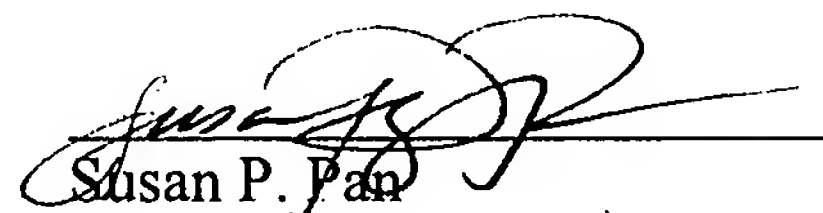
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